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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT, SEPTEMBER 21, 1989

KEY STORIES: FRONT PAGES WERE DOMINATED BY THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY'S POLITBURO RESHUFFLE. ALSO REPORTED WAS THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES' SUSPICION THAT A BOMB MAY HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DC-10 CRASH OVER NIGER. AND A CLAIM BY THE ISLAMIC JIHAD THAT IT WAS THE LOCKERBIE BOMBING WAS MENTIONED IN RESPONSIBLE. SOME REPORTS WIDE COVERAGE WAS GIVEN TO THE FINE LEVIED ON PAN AM FOR SECURITY VIOLATIONS BY THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION. THE TIMES' WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT MARTIN FLETCHER REPORTED: "...ALLEGATIONS OF SECURITY BREACHES BY (PAN AM'S) STAFF MAY...HELP THOSE RELATIVES WHO HAVE FILED LAWSUITS AGAINST PAN AM, ACCUSING IF OF FAILING TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ITS PASSENGERS..." THE GUARDIAN'S MARTIN WALKER SAID: "...(THE FAA) DID NOT CLAIM THAT THE FAILINGS HAD CONTRIBUTED TO THE (LOCKERBIE) TRAGEDY. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE TRADITIONAL METHODS OF X-RAYS AND PERSONAL SEARCHES WOULD HAVE FOUND THE BOMB PLANTED ON THE LOCKERBIE PLANE..." THE INDEPENDENT CARRIED THE SECOND EXTRACT OF THE ESSAY BY STATE DEPARTMENT POLICY ADVISER FRANCIS FUKUYAMA. COMMENTATOR PETER JENKINS SAID: "...IT IS NOT HARD TO SEE WHY FUKYAMA'S ESSAY HAS ENJOYED SUCH A VOGUE....THE DESIRE FOR MORAL TRIUMPH AND VINDICATION HAS BEEN A POWERFUL IMPULSE IN AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY...AS FUKUAYAMA TELLS THE GOOD NEWS, A GREAT IDEOLOGICAL TRIUMPH HAS BEEN SCORED, ONE SET OF IDEAS HAS BANISHED ANOTHER AS THE RIVAL EMPIRE IS CONSUMED BY MORAL

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CORRUPTION, AND AMERICAN INNOCENCE IS REGAINED..." THE GUARDIAN'S MARTIN WOOLLACOTT REPORTED FROM BERLIN "IN THE DRIVING SEAT FOR UNITY" AND SAID: "...AS GERMAN SELF-CONFIDENCE GROWS, THE OTHER EUROPEAN STATES ARE GOING TO HAVE TO ADJUST TO A MORE ASSERTIVE AND SELF-WILLED GERMANY. THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC ITSELF IS COMMITTED TO A COMMON WESTERN APPROACH TO EASTERN EUROPE BUT IT IS NATURALLY DRAWN TO POLICIES THAT ENABLE IT TO HAVE IT BOTH WAYS - GERMAN DECISIONS AND WESTERN SUPPORT. WHAT IS OBVIOUS IS THAT THE EASTERN EUROPEAN CHANGES HAVE INTRODUCED INTO GERMAN POLITICS NEW ENERGIES, NEW EXCITEMENTS AND NEW FEARS THAT HAVE NOT YET BEEN MATCHED IN OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES, WHICH STILL SEE THEMSELVES AS AUDIENCE RATHER THAN ACTORS IN THIS CENTRAL DRAMA OF OUR TIMES." THE GUARDIAN'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT MARTIN WALKER

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REPORTED IN AN ARTICLE HEADLINED: "CIA INTELLIGENCE NETWORK PREPARES TO TURN ON ALLIES" AND SAID: "THE CIA DIRECTOR MR. WILLIAM WEBSTER, HAS INTRIGUED WESTERN EUROPEAN AND JAPANESE DIPLOMATS BY HINTING THAT TRADITIONAL ALLIES WHO ARE ALSO ECONOMIC RIVALS ARE BECOMING INTELLIGENCE TARGETS...THE CIA AND OTHER U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES ARE SHIFTING THEIR STRATEGIC FOCUS TOWARDS GLOBAL ECONOMIC ISSUES AS THE EAST-WEST MILITARY CONFRONTATION LOSES ITS OLD URGENCY, THE CIA DIRECTOR SAID..."

THE FINANCIAL TIMES CARRIED A REPORT ON VICE-PRESIDENT QUAYLE'S VISIT TO SOUTH KOREA: "MR. DAN QUAYLE, THE U.S. VICE-PRESIDENT. YESTERDAY REPEATED WASHINGTON'S COMMITMENT OF 43,000 TROOPS TO PROTECT SOUTH KOREA AND SAID HE HAD BEEN ASSURED OF THE SEOUL GORVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO PROCEED WITH DEMOCRATIC CHANGE..." THE FINANCIAL TIMES EDITORIAL "THE SHADOW OF POL POT" COMMENTED: "...INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO HELP RESOLVE WHAT IS NOW A CIVIL WAR MIGHT FOCUS ON TRYING TO FIND A CONSENSUS AMONG ALL CAMBODIAN PARTIES OTHER THAN THE KHMER ROUGE. PRINCE SIHANOUK'S GUERRILLA FACTION AND THE GROUP LED BY SON SANN...APPEAR TO HAVE MORE COMMON AIMS AND INTERESTS WITH HUN SEN THAN WITH POL POT. THEY SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO BREAK UP THE TRIPARTITE RESISTANCE AND NEGOTIATE INDEPENDENTLY WITH HUN SEN..."

THE INDEPENDENT'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT PETER PRINGLE REPORTED: "BUSH SITS TIGHT WITH PENTAGON UNDER THREAT" AND SAID: "...IF THE MESSAGE GETS THROUGH THAT AID TO EASTERN EUROPE IS AS MUCH A FACTOR OF NATIONAL SECURITY AS A B-2 BOMBER, OR A TANK, THE PICTURE COULD CHANGE DRAMATICALLY. WHAT'S NEEDED IS FOR THE PRESIDENT TO GET UP OFF HIS HANDS AND EXPLAIN HOW THE FORMULA FOR PEACE COULD WORK."

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